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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain today, this morning, is retired Reverend Bill Arnold, United Methodist Church, Holdrege, Nebraska, in Senator Schrock's district. Reverend.

REVEREND ARNOLD: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you very much, Reverend Arnold, for being with us this morning, appreciate you being here. I call the forty-fourth day, Ninety-Eighth Legislature, Second Session, to order. Senators, please check in. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any corrections for the Journal?

ASSISTANT CLERK: I have no corrections this morning.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any messages, reports, or announcements?

ASSISTANT CLERK: One item, Mr. President, Senator Beutler has an amendment to LB 599 to be printed and that's all that I have. (Legislative Journal pages 1135-1136.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Do you have any items for the record? First agenda item, budget and budget related bills. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the first bill up this morning is LB 1089 introduced by Speaker Bromm at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 15, referred to the Appropriations Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Some of the briefing I will be repeating of what we